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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/725,009; Filed: December 2, 2003  
For: **Method for Freeze-Drying Nucleic Acid/Block Copolymer/Cationic Surfactant Complexes**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$180.00 to cover: IDS submission fee;
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
4. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing 15 documents (**AJ3-AA5 and AP2**);
5. Form PTO/SB/08B (3 sheets) listing 29 cited documents (**NPL1-NPL29**);
6. Copies of 30 cited documents (**AP2 and NPL1-NPL29**); and
7. One (1) return postcard.

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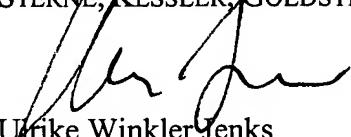
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